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**INTERNATIONAL BUREAU SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION:
IN THE MATTER OF MARITIME TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.,
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY, REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE EARTH STATIONS
COMMUNICATING WITH SATELLITES OF NEW SKIES SATELLITE, N.V.,
APPLICATIONS FOR FIXED EARTH STATION LICENSES**

The proceeding captioned above is an adjudicative proceeding and is generally restricted under the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1202(d) and 1.1208. Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc. (MTN) seeks modification of the *ex parte* procedures in this proceeding to discuss issues that could be raised by its contemplated petition to stay the International Bureau's Order of September 29, 2000. See *Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc.*, Order, DA 00-1300 (released Sept. 29, 2000) (*Order*). The *Order* addressed several complex legal and jurisdictional issues. In addition, the *Order* required MTN to suspend service to several customers within five days of the release date of the *Order*. Given the complex jurisdictional issues addressed in the *Order*, and the potential effect on MTN's customers, we modify the *ex parte* procedures for this proceeding. The proceeding shall be treated on a non-restricted, permit-but-disclose basis. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206, and 1.1208 Note 2.

Accordingly, effective October 2, 2000, *ex parte* presentations relating to this proceeding are subject to the disclosure requirements set forth in Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1206.

This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 303, and pursuant to Sections 0.51, 0.261, and 1.1200(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.51, 0.261, 1.1200(a),

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